

Ambassador has contributed his time and financial resources to ensure a historic landmark was restored and brought into the 21st century.

What has been the symbol of Chelsea for over a century, has been beautifully restored, housing businesses, cafes, restaurants, and a community commons area. The revitalization of this once industrial sector has enabled the city to expand with the potential of endless opportunities.

Ambassador Weiser saw something in the citizens of Chelsea and the atmosphere of a city which made him envision a prosperous, vibrant community. He brought back to life the symbol lighting up the night, the symbol recognized by many, "Chelsea's Clock Tower."

Therefore, I rise today to honor Ambassador Ronald Weiser for his endless support of the Chelsea community. May others know of my high regard for his selfless contributions and service to others, as well as my best wishes for him in the future.

HONORING MARTIN (MARTY) R. RESNICK

HON. C. A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Martin (Marty) R. Resnick, founder, owner, and CEO of Martin's Catering. He has recently been inducted into the prestigious Baltimore Business Hall of Fame. Martin Ronald Resnick was born in Baltimore on September 3, 1931. He graduated from City College in 1949, deciding to enter the world of business instead of going to college. Marty's early business career started in department stores, learning the world of business until 1964 when he opened his first catering company, Eudowood Gardens. Martin's Catering now has the capacity to serve over 20,000 people operating in 7 locations.

For over 40 years, Marty spent nearly all of his energy in the catering business, earning numerous awards from small business associations. Martin's, Inc. has annual sales of over \$30 million. Several organizations have named him "Man of the Year," and former mayor of Baltimore William Donald Schaefer declared June 24, 1981, to be "Martin Resnick Day in Baltimore". Although his business interests are many and consuming, he devotes his boundless energy to many causes, including the University of Maryland Foundation, the Morgan State University Foundation, the Baltimore Alliance for the Prevention and Control of Hypertension and Diabetes, and the Baltimore City Police Department Foundation.

Marty and his company "adopted" Riverview Elementary in 1989. Riverview Elementary is located in an economically disadvantaged community, and many of the students who attend Riverview come from single-parent homes. Before Martin's Caterers adopted Riverview, the school had poor attendance and the need for encouragement from caring, positive role models. Today, he is "Uncle Marty" to more than 1,000 students. Marty also provides jobs for the parents of his "nieces and nephews", where he teaches them good work ethic and valuable skills to learn and grow in their career.

Marty received an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Philosophy from Israel's Sinai University, and there is a Yeshiva in Jerusalem that bears his name. Even with all of his many business demands, Marty is truly an adoring family man, who has always placed his family first.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Martin (Marty) R. Resnick. His legacy as a professional will be forever preserved in the Baltimore County Business Hall of Fame, and will be matched only by his devotion to his family and community. It is with great pride that I congratulate Marty Resnick on his exemplary career in the catering and event planning business.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF MR. ROBERT B. INGRAM, JR.

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the state of Alabama recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor him and pay tribute to his memory. Mr. Robert B. Ingram, Jr., known as Bob to his many friends and family, was one of the most influential and respected political writers in Alabama's history.

Born in Centre, Alabama, in 1926, Bob and his 2 sisters were raised in Cherokee County by his widowed mother during the Great Depression. He graduated from Cherokee County High School and served with distinction in World War II as a radio operator and gunner aboard the USS *Panamint*. He graduated from Auburn University in 1949 and soon began working for the Cherokee County Herald.

Soon thereafter, Bob joined the Montgomery Advertiser, where he worked as a reporter. He left the world of journalism for several years and served as state finance director for former Alabama Governor Albert Brewer. From 1979 until 1993, he was editorial director at WSFA-TV in Montgomery, and he ended his editorials with the words that became his trademark, "And that's the way I see it . . ."

Bob Ingram also wrote 2 books, "That's the Way I Saw It," and "That's the Way I Saw It II," published a magazine, and spent 30 years as a political analyst for 3 Montgomery television stations. He received many awards throughout his storied career. He particularly cherished the honor bestowed on him by Auburn University Montgomery with the creation of the Robert Ingram Lecture Series. Four years ago, he was inducted into the communication hall of fame at the University of Alabama, and earlier this year, he received the Mass Media Achievement Award from the Auburn University Journalism Foundation.

Bob Ingram reported on—and was witness to—many of the most pivotal events in Alabama's history, including the civil rights movement and the career of former Governor George C. Wallace. While known for his legendary objectivity, Bob was never afraid to speak his mind. Be it with praise or criticism, Mr. Ingram served as a watchdog for the people of Alabama his entire career. For nearly 50 years, his weekly column, "The Alabama Scene," was a treasure trove of political tidbits, history, and news for Alabamians.

Bob Ingram was also active with several charitable and civic endeavors. He was a Paul

Harris Fellow of the Rotary Club, and served as a deacon at Cloverdale Baptist Church in Montgomery, where he taught Sunday school for more than 35 years. Most recently, he volunteered his time with the Montgomery Ostomy Association.

The Montgomery Advertiser's tribute to Bob Ingram was especially poignant, stating, "Most of those who knew Ingram through his writings and television analyses never met him in person, but they felt he was their friend."

Madam Speaker, Bob Ingram was a reporter, a publisher, an author, a commentator, and a speaker for the better part of a century. He was an outstanding example of the quality individuals who have devoted their lives to the field of journalism, and I ask my colleagues to join with me in remembering one of our State's most revered journalists and esteemed citizens.

Bob Ingram loved life and lived it to the fullest, and his passing marks a tremendous loss for all of Alabama. He will be deeply missed by many, most especially his children, Robert B. Ingram III, Beth Ingram Lamberth, and Ragan Ingram; his sister, Rozanne I. Jones; his 8 grandchildren; his great-grandchild; as well as countless friends he leaves behind.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE HISTORIC WAILUKU COURTHOUSE

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Ms. HIRONO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the centennial of the historic Wailuku Courthouse on the island of Maui. I would also like to congratulate the many people and companies in history who helped build and occupy the Courthouse.

Angus P. McDonald began construction on the Wailuku Courthouse on October 18, 1907. His work was completed in late 1908 and the building opened in February 1909.

The Wailuku Courthouse was occupied by the Honorable Judge Aluwae Noa Kepoikai, from 1892 to 1894 and again from 1904 to 1909; the Honorable Judge Seldon B. Kindgsbury from 1909 to 1913; the Honorable Judge William S. Edings from 1914 to 1918; the Honorable Judge Leslie L. Burr from 1918 through 1922; the Honorable Judge Daniel H. Case from 1922 to 1943; the Honorable Judge Cable A. Wirtz from 1944 through 1951 and in 1956 to 1959; the Honorable Wendell F. Crockett from 1959 to 1961; the Honorable Judge Takashi Kitaoka from 1962 to 1968; the Honorable Judge George Fukuoka from 1968 through 1982; the Honorable Judge Kase Higa from 1977 to 1985; and the Honorable Judge Arthur Ueoka from 1982 to 1983.

As the population of Maui County grew and the demands on county services increased, the Wailuku Courthouse was eventually vacated by the Court in 1988.

In October 1992, the GW Murphy Construction Company began renovating and restoring the Wailuku Courthouse to allow for its continued use by the County of Maui. In October 1993, the offices of the Maui County Department of the Prosecuting Attorney were moved

into the Wailuku Courthouse and the Department continues to occupy the building to this day.

The Wailuku Courthouse has since been home to the following Prosecuting Attorneys: Larry L. Butrick from October 1993 through July 1995; Richard T. Bissen Jr. from August 1995 through January 2003; Davelynn M. Tengan from January 2003 through January 2007; and currently Benjamin M. Acob, who was appointed on January 2, 2007.

I extend a sincere mahalo (thank you) to all of the past and current residents of the Wailuku Courthouse. The building stands as a symbol of your shared commitment to justice and equality for all the residents of Maui. Congratulations on this historic centennial.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, on November 5, 2007, due to transportation delays I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall votes 1034, 1035, and 1036.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 1034, 1035, and 1036.

IN TRIBUTE TO JIM RYAN

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jim Ryan, who passed away on November 6, 2007. Mr. Ryan was a compassionate leader and public servant who worked for many years in the Fourth Congressional District. Mr. Ryan's involvement in the nonprofit and political arena in the metropolitan Milwaukee area was truly impressive.

Mr. Ryan served as a Milwaukee County Board Supervisor. He served the Village of Hales Corners for over 30 years; nearly 20 of those years were spent as Village President. He was to retire from public service and not seek another term as Village President next year.

Mr. Ryan was known as the consummate professional with strong consensus building and problem-solving skills and a strong knowledge of how government worked at all levels. Mr. Ryan served as President and CEO of the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center where he started the Flight for Life program; worked for the State of Wisconsin as a child welfare supervisor; and for Racine County's Human Service Department. While serving as a County Board Supervisor, he was chair of the Ryan Commission which played a significant role in changing how the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District was administered.

Mr. Ryan faced a considerable challenge in his private life and was to retire from his successful public life. He was diagnosed with stomach cancer a year ago. Mr. Ryan's wife, Lisa, four children, Jimmy, John, Kristen, Cathryn; and three grandchildren all live in the Milwaukee area and were an integral part of his support network during this health crisis.

Mr. Ryan remained the Director of Penfield Children's Center where he served for more than a decade. Penfield Children's Center located in Milwaukee's central city serves all of Milwaukee County. Penfield Children's Center works with the child's family to ensure that each child has everything he/she needs to succeed and achieve his/her full potential. One of my granddaughters was born with a weight of less than 2 pounds. She received care at Penfield and benefited from their superb services.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Ryan and his contributions to the Fourth Congressional District. Mr. Ryan's work throughout the years will continue to make a "positive impact" on the people of the entire metropolitan Milwaukee area.

TRIBUTE TO RAYMOND ADAMS

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a constituent who has served his country admirably in our Armed Forces and, in civilian life, continued to serve his local community.

Mr. Raymond Adams is "Ogemaw County Veteran of the Year" as named by the Ogemaw County Veterans Alliance. The Veterans Alliance through its member organizations, represents all veterans in Ogemaw County. The Ogemaw County Veteran of the Year Award is considered the highest honor that the Alliance bestows upon fellow veterans.

A native of Ogemaw County, Mr. Adams has been a patriot all of his life. He was so determined to serve his Nation that, even when the Air Force initially turned him away, he re-applied. It took three attempts and a few years before he was able to successfully enlist in the Air Force in September of 1962.

After basic training, Mr. Adams was sent to McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey to train as an air policeman. He was stationed there until June 1965, where he learned the skills and duties of an air policeman.

Following his training at McGuire Air Force Base, Mr. Adams went to Vietnam. He was stationed just outside of Saigon.

A modest man, Mr. Adams downplays his own service in Vietnam. In his own words, he writes, "I didn't see too much action. I was one of the lucky guys." Regardless of his own humility, Mr. Adams' service is to be commended and appreciated.

While stationed in Vietnam, he received additional K-9 training, learning to handle and utilize a police dog.

In June of 1966, Mr. Adams returned home to Michigan and entered civilian life. For a few years he worked in construction and spent some time working in local automobile factories. He was hired into Michigan Bell in January 1969, where he would work for the next 25 years, retiring in 1994.

Mr. Adams would also raise a family in the area. In January of 1970, Mr. Adams married Gayle Wangler. As of today, they have been married nearly 40 years. Together, they raised two daughters.

Even after Mr. Adams left the military and re-entered civilian life, his sense of service remained strong and intact. An active member of Ogemaw Hills Free Methodist Church, he has remained deeply involved in his community and dedicated much of his personal time to helping those in need. His church group has built schools and churches in Mexico and throughout Central America. Mr. Adams belongs to the Red Cross and has volunteered time with Habitat for Humanity. He has also been active with Hospice of Helping Hands and the Ogemaw County Mobile Food Bank. He volunteered to assist clean up and recovery efforts in Louisiana and Mississippi following Hurricane Katrina.

Ray has also remained an active advocate for his fellow veterans. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Last year, I was honored to attend the opening of a new Veterans Museum at the Ogemaw County Fairgrounds. Ray was instrumental in helping to put together this important monument honoring his fellow local veterans. When Ray's local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post needed remodeling, Ray helped take the lead, handling many of the permitting issues that needed to be cleared before work could be completed.

While he has donated his own time, energy and effort to these many valuable community causes, he has never asked for any recognition. As one local resident put it, not only is it appropriate that Mr. Adams be recognized as "Veteran of the Year," but he would certainly be eligible to be "Volunteer of the Year."

Clearly, Madam Speaker, this is a man who understands profoundly the value of service and the responsibility we all have to help others. On November 11th, Veterans Day, members of the Ogemaw community will come together to honor Mr. Raymond Adams. As this noble, hardworking and humble man is recognized by his fellow veterans and by his community, I would ask, Madam Speaker, that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in saluting Raymond Adams for his lifetime of service and offering him the thanks of a grateful Nation.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3685, EMPLOYMENT NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam Chairman, this bill does not do all I want, but I will support it because of what it will do.

Earlier this year, I cosponsored H.R. 2015 because I think that in our country nobody should be denied a job on the basis of actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity and because I think we need a Federal law to supplement the laws that Colorado and some other States have enacted to reduce or prevent such unfair discrimination.

As a cosponsor, I hoped the House would take up H.R. 2015. So, I regret that instead we are considering a similar but not identical measure. Unlike the bill I have cosponsored, H.R. 3685 does not fully protect the full lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community. And because of that, some supporters of